



March 18, 2013

Ways and Means Committee Office  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Camp:

The City of Boerne is opposed to any efforts to impose a tax on municipal bonds, including any partial tax or cap. We are also opposed to any replacement of the current municipal bond structure with direct payment bonds or any other taxable form of bonds. The City of Boerne, which also owns and operates its own utilities, relies on the ability to fund critical infrastructure using tax exempt municipal bonds. We need to retain the current federal tax exclusion for interest on these bonds.

I had the opportunity earlier this month to visit with our legislative representatives, while attending the American Public Power Association 2013 Legislative Rally, to express our concerns about the proposal to tax municipal bonds. If this proposal goes forward, it will dramatically impact our city's ability to make needed infrastructure investments in our community at a reasonable cost.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments for consideration by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Sincerely,

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Michael D. Schultz,  
Mayor

cc: Boerne City Council members  
Ronald C. Bowman, City Manager  
Jeff Thompson, Deputy City Manager  
Sandy Mattick, Finance Director